

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7016

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Grayce Marie Hannah Cabage on the celebration of her ninetieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Grayce Marie Hannah Cabage celebrated her ninetieth birthday on December 17, 2009, a milestone that was commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Dr. George F. and Ida Taylor Hannah, Mrs. Cabage was born in the Carpenter's Campground community in the Seventh District of Blount County and raised alongside her beloved siblings Isaac Hannah, Gladys White, and Lee Hannah in the communities of Carpenters, Vonore, and Maryville; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cabage graduated from Maryville High School in 1938 and then attended Draughton's Business College in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Grayce Marie Hannah Cabage is a highly respected member of the Maryville community and is proud to have a family history composed of meritorious citizens; her great-grandfather, William Hannah, served gallantly in the Union Army during the Civil War, and her father, Dr. G.F. Hannah, compassionately practiced medicine as a country doctor in both Blount and Monroe counties and served as the company doctor for Babcock Lumber's Citico Creek logging operations in Monroe County in the 1920s; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Mrs. Cabage served with acumen and alacrity in the food service industry in Blount County and rose in rank to become the County School Lunch Program Supervisor and the Cafeteria Manager at Porter High School and William Blount High School, in

which positions she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 1949, Grayce Marie Hannah was joined in marriage with Harold N. Cabage of Knoxville, and the couple's blessed union produced two children, George Clayton and William Harold; and

WHEREAS, as she enters her ninth decade, Mrs. Cabage is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, including serving for many years as an officer and member of the Volunteer Board of Directors of the Sam Houston Memorial Association for the Historic Sam Houston Schoolhouse, volunteering for the Blount County Historic Museum, and, since she was sixteen years old, lending her tremendous talents to the Republican Party in Blount County and the State of Tennessee, where she has held such prestigious positions as the President of the Blount County Republican Women and Secretary of the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women; and

WHEREAS, dearly devoted to her family and always endeavoring to remain true to family values of the highest order, Mrs. Cabage will be the first to say that the greatest achievements in her long and rich life are her husband, children, and two grandsons, Ian and Sean; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Grace Marie Hannah Cabage on the celebration of her ninetieth birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.